



PUBLIC NOTICE

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AN ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (APDES) INDIVIDUAL PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

A Fact Sheet and associated documents are available for review. For inquiries or to request copies of documents, contact:

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Draft Permit Public Notice Period:

Public Notice Start Date: 7/15/2021

Public Notice Expiration Date: 8/16/2021

Permit Number: AK0000272

Applicant:

Alyeska Seafoods, Inc.

Unalaska Facility

551 W. Broadway

P.O. Box 530

Unalaska, AK 99685

Proposed Project and Location:

Facility Activity: Alyeska Seafoods, Inc. owns, operates, and maintains the facility, which conducts seafood processing and seafood meal reduction. The facility is located in the City of Unalaska, Alaska on the southeast shoreline of Iliuliuk Harbor adjacent to the entrance to Iliuliuk Bay.

Discharge Location:

Outfall	Location	Description
001A	53.88780 N, 166.55109 W	Seafood processing and meal plant wastewaters
002A	53.87897 N, 166.54170 W	Powerhouse non-contact cooling water
003A	53.87852 N, 166.53871 W	Meal plant scrubber and condenser cooling water

Description of Discharge: Wastewater that flows through the floor drains is sent through the sump before being discharged. Scraps which pass through the floor drains end up in the fish meal plant. Decanter centrifuges remove bits of solids and the water is sent to the sump. Water used in butchering, processing, tote washing, and fluming is passed through a rotary screen (0.5 mm x 5 mm) to recover tissue parts. These screened tissue parts (along with unusable seafood parts and crab shell) go to the fish meal plant and the water is discharged through Outfall 001, which discharges between -50 and -60 feet mean lower low water (MLLW) in South Unalaska Bay through a 150-foot diffuser. This outfall also discharges boat hold transfer water and meal plant stickwater.

The facility also discharges to Iliuliuk Harbor from Outfall 002 (powerhouse non-contact cooling water) and Outfall 003 (meal plant scrubber and condenser cooling water, to under the meal plant dock), both at -30 feet MLLW.

Mixing Zone: There is a 200-foot x 350-foot mixing zone around the Outfall 001 diffuser for temperature, color, turbidity, residues, non-petroleum oil and grease, dissolved oxygen, sediment, and total ammonia. There is also an authorized 1.0-acre zone of deposit for residues on the seafloor. There is a 100-foot radius mixing zone for temperature around Outfall 002.

Tentative Determination:

DEC has tentatively determined to reissue a discharge permit to the above listed applicant.

Public Comments:

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the APDES draft permit must be submitted within 30 days of the issuance of this public notice. Any person desiring to comment on the permit may submit comments electronically via the DEC public notice site (**preferred**) at <https://water.alaskadec.commentinput.com/?id=FVHcC>.

Alternatively, you may direct written comments and requests to the attention of the DEC contact/permit writer at the email address or postal address identified above.

All comments should include the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the commenter and a concise statement of comment on the permit condition(s) and the relevant facts upon which the comment is based. Comments of either support or concern that are directed at specific, cited permit requirements are appreciated. Mailed comments and requests must be postmarked on or before the expiration date of the public notice.

DEC will consider all comments when making the final decision and will respond to received comments in a Response to Comments document issued when DEC issues a final permit. The Response to Comments will be made available to the public.

Any interested person may submit a written request for a public hearing if no hearing has already been scheduled. A request for a public hearing shall state the nature of the issues to be raised, as well as the requester's name, address, and telephone number. DEC will hold a public hearing whenever DEC finds, on the basis of requests, a significant degree of public interest in a draft permit. DEC may also hold a public hearing if a hearing might clarify one or more issues involved in a permit decision or for other good reason in DEC's discretion.

DEC will transmit the final permit, fact sheet (amended as appropriate), and Response to Comments to anyone who provided comments during the public review period or requested to be notified of DEC's final decision.

**DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS OR REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:
8/16/2021 at 11:59 p.m. AKDT**

Administrative Record:

The APDES draft permit, fact sheet, permit application, and associated documents are available for public review at the DEC offices located in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Soldotna, and Wasilla. Please contact the office of your choice to arrange for hard copies of the documents to be available for your review.

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If you would like further information or to see any additional supporting technical documents, contact Anne Weaver. The documents are also accessible from the DEC website at:

<http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/>.

To receive email notifications about the APDES Program, including when permits are available to review, subscribe to the APDES email list at <http://list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/DEC-APDES/>.

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